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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

VAHID SAADAT

Application No.: 09/746,579

Filed: December 20, 2000

For: MULTI-BARBED DEVICE FOR
RETAINING TISSUE IN
APPOSITION AND METHODS
OF USE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 1598

Examiner: IZAGUIRRE, ISMAEL

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3765

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.